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Raised Bill No. 5486

Good morning Senator McDonald, Representative Lawlor, and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am testifying today in Support of raised bill 5486, *An Act Concerning Residency Restrictions For Registered Sexual Offenders*.

The Hartford Police Department (HPD) Sex Offender Registry Unit (SORU) is responsible for maintaining a central registry of persons residing in the City of Hartford who have been convicted of certain sexual offenses and are statutorily required to register with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Safety Connecticut Sex Offender Registry Unit¹. Additional investigative duties are, but not limited to, sex offender newly registered notification, sex offender change of address notification, sex offender release notification, and sex offender arrest warrant services.

The City of Hartford, Connecticut, has the highest proportion of active registered sex offenders relative to the total population statewide. Although the City's population of 124,062 (2008 census) is only 3.8% of the state's population of 3.3 million, over 10% of the state's approximately 5,000 active registered sex offenders live in Hartford (**568 as of March 2010**). Hartford has almost 30% more resident sex offenders than New Haven (440), a city with a nearly identical population of 123,669. Bridgeport, the largest city in the state (population 136,405), has half as many sex offenders (285) as Hartford.

- There is at least one school within walking distance of each individual registered sex offender²
- **568** Total Registered Sex Offenders
- **210** Sex Offenders Convicted in Hartford
- **358** Sex Offenders Convicted outside of Hartford

¹ Connecticut General Statutes 54-250 through 54-261 mandate that the Connecticut Department of Public Safety establish and maintain a central registry of persons who have been convicted of certain sexual offenses and are required to register under the general statutes. The Hartford Police Department has jurisdictional responsibility for all registered sex offenders residing in the City of Hartford that meet the aforementioned mandates.

² Attached City of Hartford March 2010 – Sex Offender Registry Map

Total 2005-2009: 841 Registered Sex Offenders in Hartford

- 388 Sex Offenders (46.1%) rearrested for a new crime
- 74 Sex Offenders (19%) rearrested for a sexual offense
- 198 Sex Offenders (51%) rearrested for Failure to Register / Comply
- Of the 198 Sex Offenders rearrested 124 Sex Offenders (62.6%) were arrested in the City of Hartford

National Sex Offender Statistics³ (Recidivism Rate 15 State Study)

- 9,691 Total Sex Offenders Released from State prisons
- 4,295 Subtotal Child Molesters Released
- Compared to the 9,691 Sex Offenders released, child molesters were more likely to be rearrested for child molesting
- Within the first 3 years following release from prison in 1994, 3.3% (141 of 4,295) of released child molesters were rearrested for another sex crime against a child

Passage of Bill No. 5486 with amended language under Section 1 will increase the ability of law enforcement officers to provide protection for children from convicted sexual offenders (see page 3 for Sec. 1 for amended language).

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. For further information or questions please contact:

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³ US Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics: *Recidivism of Sex Offenders Released from Prison in 1994*

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AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS FOR REGISTERED SEXUAL OFFENDERS.

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) No person who is required to register under section 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254 of the general statutes and is released into the community may [reside] loiter in or about school grounds within [two thousand] fifteen hundred feet of the real property comprising a public or private elementary or secondary school or a facility providing child day care services, as defined in section 19a-77 of the general statutes.

[(b)] (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section do not apply if (1) the person has established a residence within two thousand feet of such property prior to the effective date of this section, or (2) the school or facility is newly located on or after the effective date of this section within two thousand feet of such person's residence.]

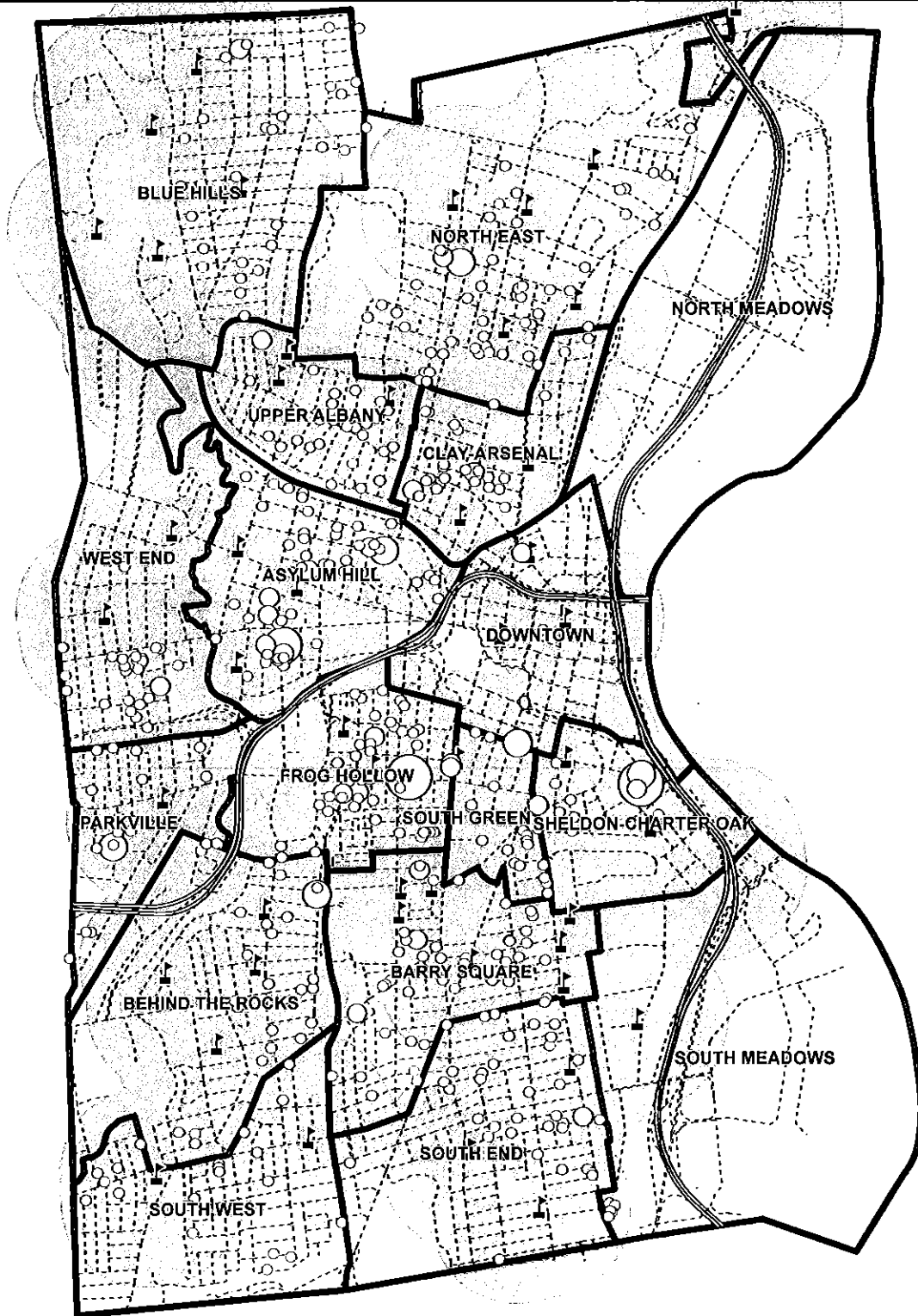
[(c)] (b) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

Statement of Purpose:

To protect children from convicted sexual offenders by requiring that convicted sexual offenders reside at least two thousand feet away from a school or child care center.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRY UNIT - CITYWIDE STATE OFFENDER LIST - MARCH 3, 2010



OFFENDER LOCATION & COUNT

- 1
- 2 - 4
- 5 - 9
- 10 - 16
- 17 - 30
- 📍 School Location
- 2000' Buffer of School Property



Map prepared by:
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547 of the 568 (96%) of the State Registered Sex Offenders in the City of Hartford reside within 2000' of a school property.